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## STATE SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE LOOKING FOR STUDENT NOMINEES FOR 2007 PAT TILLMAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

PHOENIX (Friday, May 18, 2007) -- State schools Superintendent Tom Horne is searching for outstanding students who can be nominated for the 2007 Pat Tillman Leadership Award.

The award is given to an honoree who is 12 years old or older and: puts service above self; has demonstrated the courage of his or her convictions; serves as an excellent role model for youth, and is committed to equal opportunity for all regardless of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, gender or sexual orientation.

"I am honored to be associated with this event, which recognizes the achievements of outstanding students who demonstrate a commitment to service to others, are resolute in their personal convictions, and are great role models for their peers," Horne said. "It is my hope that parents, educators and friends will consider nominating worthy students for this honor."

Nominations are being accepted through June 1, 2007, and nomination forms are available from the Arizona Department of Education website at: <a href="www.ade.az.gov">www.ade.az.gov</a>. Click on the link for the "2007 Pat Tillman Awards" in the Hot Topics section of the website.

The award is sponsored by Linking Sports and Communities, an outreach of the Phoenix-based Leadership Consortium a non-profit, volunteer organization.